

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

Thank you to all who attended Literacy Night on Friday! The classrooms were packed with attentive audiences for our student authors and presenters. This was a great opportunity for students to showcase a piece of their writing and practice their oral presentation skills. There were close to 200 student authors presenting their writing this year! We are grateful to third grade teacher Debbi Stanwick for organizing the student author readings- it's no small undertaking, yet she tackles it with enthusiasm every year. We also want to thank the parents who volunteered to facilitate classroom presentations- without you, this event would not be possible. Finally, we wish to thank the PTO for planning, preparing, and leading all of the Literacy Night events that make this evening one of the most well-attended gatherings of the year.

There are two other important reminders for this week:

- Believe it or not, planning for 2016-2107 class placement has begun. **Please see the letter attached at the bottom of this flyer** for information about how to provide Floral staff with input about your child that may be helpful with making

his/her class placement for next year. The letter includes a link to an online form for parents to share their input. Please know that it is not necessary or even expected that parents complete the form, as teacher teams will invest careful thought and consideration in making all students' class placements, regardless of whether or not a parent provides feedback through the form. The form will be available to complete through the end of the day on **Monday, April 25th**. After that, no additional input can be accepted.

- As long as the weather cooperates, classes will be working outside this week to prepare our playground for its spring opening. The bulk of the work involves loosening up the mulch to make it safe for landing. Students and teachers will use rakes and hoes to do this work. Your child's teacher may be reaching out for parents to loan us their tools or join the class during their work time...thank you in advance to those parents who join in the labor...and fun!

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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From the PTO – Read-a-Thon Begins Tomorrow!

Our annual PTO sponsored Read-A-Thon starts **Monday April 11th** and continues through **Sunday, April 24th**. This year we are hoping to raise over \$4000 to help fund special programs and playground equipment. Although the Read-A-Thon is a fundraiser, that is not the sole focus of this event. Our goal is to enhance the love of reading for our students and promote good reading habits. Asking family members and friends to pledge a student's reading hours is optional. We are hoping for 100% participation. Please encourage your child to read and join us in this fun and educational fundraiser for our school!

Your child must have already brought home the instruction sheet along with the reading log and sponsor form. More Read-A-Thon packets are available at the front office. Any questions, please contact Mitika Kathuria (MitikaKathuria@gmail.com)

2016-2017 Bus Registration

Please see the attached document below for information about the bus registration process for the 2016-2107 school year.

First Grade Book Club - Registration Now Open

The Shrewsbury Public Library is offering an after school book club for first graders on **Thursday, April 28th from 3:30-4:30pm in the Floral Media Center**. This month, students will listen to the book *Right Here on This Spot*, participate in activities relating to the book, and have water, green grapes and a cheddar cheese stick for a snack.

Here is the Google Form link to register your first grader:

https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1HIW-KH7v4DX4EJPprAUBP0MIric-CnX91L8Win0RxY0/edit?usp=drive_web

Lost & Found Table – Items Donated After April 15th

On April 15th items in the Lost and Found will be taken to a local charity. Please have your children check for any items they may have misplaced. Parents can take a look at the found items, too. Please sign in at the office and take a Visitor's Badge before walking to the Lost & Found table and clothesline in the cafeteria.

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

From the PTO - Spring Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The Floral PTO is hosting a Spring Staff Appreciation Breakfast on **Wednesday, April 13th** in the Floral media center. We need help to make this event a success and show the staff how much we appreciate them! Please sign up for one or more items at the link below. Contact Nancy Nelson at nleenelson_99@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for your help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48abaf2ca3fc1-spring>

Fourth Grade Families: Don't Forget about the Free Passes to National Parks

As mentioned in a Falcon Flyer earlier this year, there is a federal program offered this year that provides free admission to 4th grade students and their families to national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges all across the country...and close to home. Please visit this website to learn more and to get your family's free pass. This offer extends through August 31, 2016.

<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/>

From the PTO – April Showers Fundraiser

Take your chance on winning big in this year's April Showers

fundraiser! April Showers calendars were sent home with your child in early March. Calendars are \$10 each. For each calendar you sell, send in your money and ticket stub to be entered in the daily prize drawing throughout the month of April. Winners will be listed weekly on the Floral Street Facebook page. Daily prizes range from \$50 to \$300. Please consider joining in the fun, taking a chance on some good luck this April, and raising funds to support our great school!

Any questions, please contact Andrea Bachini at bachini1020@townisp.com

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

***New dates added this week appear in bold print**

April 11	Community Awareness Forum on the Opioid Crisis / SHS @ 7:00pm
April 12	4 th Grade Gymnastics Show for Parents / 1:30pm
April 18-22	April Vacation / No School
April 26-28	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 English Language Arts
May 2-5	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 English Language Arts
May 3	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) /

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May 3	Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30 pm -Goulding, Manning, Morgan / 7:30pm – Edgren, Ralys, Spangenberg
May 4	Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30pm – Leifer, Powell, Ross
May 6	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
May 7	Floral PTO Textiles Drive / 8:30am – 11:30am
May 9-12	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 Math
May 13	4 th Grade Field Trip to SELCO
May 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
May 16-19	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 Math
May 19	1 st Grade After School Book Club / 3:30-4:30
May 27	FLORAL GOES GREEN!
May 30	Memorial Day / No School for Students & Staff
June 13	4 th Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM
June 21	Last Day of School / 12:15 Dismissal

Field Day Dates

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, June 3 (1:30-3:00)

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 7 (raindate: June 14)

Grade 2: Thursday, June 9 (raindate: June 16)


Grade 3: Friday, June 10 (raindate: June 17)

Grade 4: Wednesday, June 8 (raindate: June 15)

PARCC Assessment Dates

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions)  Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions)  Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions)  Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions)  Grade 4 Math

Important Contact Information:

Office (508) 841-8720

Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

Nurses, FAX (508) 841-1545

Extended Day (508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

[ClassPlacement 2016.doc](#)

[2016-2017 Bus Registration.pdf](#)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

